

# Fossil Energy Research and Development

## Proposed Appropriation Language

*For necessary expenses in carrying out fossil energy research and development activities, under the authority of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95–91), including the acquisition of interest, including defeasible and equitable interests in any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition or expansion, and for conducting inquiries, technological investigations and research concerning the extraction, processing, use, and disposal of mineral substances without objectionable social and environmental costs (30 U.S.C. 3, 1602, and 1603), \$519,305,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$5,000,000 shall be derived by transfer of unobligated balances from “SPR Petroleum Account”; of which \$13,200,000 shall be used to support research and development contracts on technological approaches to reduce, avoid, or capture greenhouse gas emissions, to be awarded pursuant to competitive solicitations; and of which \$130,000,000 are to be made available, after coordination with the private sector, for a request for proposals for a Clean Coal Power Initiative providing for competitively-awarded research, development, and demonstration projects to reduce the barriers to continued and expanded coal use: Provided, That no project may be selected for which sufficient funding is not available to provide for the total project: Provided further, That funds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions governing the use of funds contained under the heading “Clean Coal Technology” in 42 U.S.C. 5903d: Provided further, That the Department may include provisions for royalties or other means of repayment of Government contributions to individual projects, including repayments from sale and licensing of technologies from both domestic and foreign transactions: Provided further, That such repayments shall be retained by the Department for future coal-related research, development and demonstration projects, subject to appropriation in advance: Provided further, That any technology selected under this program shall be considered a Clean Coal Technology, and any project selected under this program shall be considered a Clean Coal Technology Project, for the purposes of 42 U.S.C. § 7651n, and Chapters 51, 52, and 60 of title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.*

Note.—A regular 2003 appropriation for this account had not been enacted at the time the budget was prepared; therefore, this account is operating under a continuing resolution (P.L. 107–229, as amended). The amounts included for 2003 in this budget reflect the Administration’s 2003 policy proposals.

## Explanation of Change

*.....of which \$5,000,000 shall be derived by transfer of unobligated balances from ‘‘SPR Petroleum Account’’;.....*

This change provides for the transfer of \$5,000,000 of unobligated balances from the SPR Petroleum Account.

*.....of which \$13,200,000 shall be used to support research and development contracts on technological approaches to reduce, avoid, or capture greenhouse gas emissions, to be awarded pursuant to competitive solicitations;.....*

This change provides funding for the National Climate Change Technology Initiative (NCCTI). Funds for NCCTI are also requested in: Energy Supply for Nuclear Energy (\$2,300,000), Energy Conservation (\$9,500,000), Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (\$15,000,000).

*.....provided further that no part of the sum herein made available shall be used for the field testing of nuclear explosives in the recovery of oil and gas.....*

Language submitted with the FY 2003 Congressional budget was eliminated in the FY 2004 budget request. Historical efforts have proven that this approach is ineffective in producing oil and gas and the Department believes measures currently in place are sufficient.